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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Singh, et al.

Serial No.: 10/688,797

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For: Silicon-Containing Layer Deposition with Silicon Compounds

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Group Art Unit: 1762

Examiner: Bret P. Chen

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/7729/KMT, for \$350.00 in fees for excess claims, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.

